

Light the Way
Bible Study

*The Church is Built
on the
Blood of the Martyrs*

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*Weekly emails
Day of Mercy - March 21st (7:00 am
to 9:00 pm)
Prayer*

God's love and love of Neighbor

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who have been given to us.
Romans 5:5

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with al your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. *Matthew 22:37-39*



Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. These [seven] they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. *Acts 6:1-4,6*

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen, and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, arose and disputed with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. [So] they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, and set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law". *Acts 6:8-10, 12-3*

The subject of [this] proclamation is Christ who was crucified, died, and risen: through him is accomplished our full and authentic liberation from evil, sin, and death; through him God bestows “new life” that is divine and eternal. This is the “Good News” which changes man and his history, and which all peoples have a right to hear.

Redemptoris Missio 44



If Stephen had not prayed to God, the Church would not have had Paul.

Saint Augustine

No example is more useful for the instruction of the people of God than that of the martyrs. Eloquence is effective for entreating, argument for convincing; but examples are worth more than words, and it is better to teach by deeds than by speech.

Saint Leo the Great

Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith: it means bearing witness even unto death. The martyr bears witness to Christ who died and rose, to whom he is united by charity. He bears witness to the truth of the faith and Christian doctrine. He endures death through an act of fortitude.

Let me become the food of the beasts, through whom it will be given me to reach God (Saint Ignatius of Antioch).

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I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth."

"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

Revelation 14:13



Saint Jean de Brebeuf



All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: "be perfect, as you heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

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